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THE SULLIVANT MOSS CHAPTER.

Report of the Second Meeting of the Sullivan Moss Chapter.

On June 27th, 1900, the Sullivan Moss Chapter was a guest at the Museum of the New York Botanical Garden at Bronx Park, and held its second meeting there, being called to order by President Grout at 1:30 P. M. The meeting, owing to the extreme heat, was very informal. A number of papers were read by title only, as time was limited. Dr. Grout gave the opening address of welcome, emphasizing the point that in times past a classical education was considered necessary, whereas now no one could be considered cultured who did not have a knowledge of some of the many departments now comprised under the head of "Natural Science." Then followed a report of the first meeting of the Chapter, held at Columbus, Ohio, August, 1899, read by Mrs. E. G. Britton. This gave the history of the organization for the first six months. Then followed the report of the Secretary up to date. Prof. T. C. Porter, of Easton, Pa., gave most interesting personal reminiscences of collecting with Lesquereux, and other distinguished botanists. Dr. George N. Best read a valuable paper on "Asexual Reproduction in the Mosses." Miss Taylor gave a paper on her recent studies "On the Stem of *Dendroligotrichum dendroides*." Mr. Williams gave an account of his collecting in the Klondike, and explained his collection, which was on exhibition, as was also the Herbarium of the Chapter. This exhausted the time and the meeting was adjourned. Some went on the walk about the Garden, and some remained to carry on an informal discussion till time for the "Al fresco" dinner at French Charlie's. Thirty-two persons were present. The Chapter now numbers 83. *All interested in Mosses, Hepaticas and Lichens* are invited to join.

Local lists were exhibited from twenty-five members, and the general feeling was that the Chapter was now on a firm basis and only needed the enthusiastic coöperation of all to make it a most powerful working force in its chosen field.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE MORRILL SMITH, Secretary.

NOTE.

Buxbaumia aphylla L.—This rare and curious moss has been twice found in Chester county, Pa., first, by Benjamin M. Everhart many years ago near the South Valley hills, on slaty soil; second, by myself in a woods near West Chester, on the north slope of a slaty hill near a stream, where many other mosses grew. The *Buxbaumia* was then in fruit—December 16, 1899—but spores not yet ripened. I visited the spot again this spring—March 7, 1900—and found a few plants which had fruited, but had shed their spores by this time, excepting one capsule. In this instance it was a winter fruiting plant; Dixon and Jameson give its fruiting time as early summer.—*Francis Windle, West Chester, Pa.*

Elections.

Forward your ballots for officers and amendments to Mr. J. Franklin Collins, 468 Hope St., Providence, R. I., on or before November 1st. Show your interest in the Chapter by voting as early as possible.

CANDIDATES.

For President—Dr. G. N. Best, of Rosemont, N. J., the well-known writer on mosses and the author of several monographs, and Mrs. Carolyn W. Harris, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

For Vice-President—Mr. J. Warren Huntington, of Amesbury, Mass., and Mr. Edw. B. Chamberlain, of Providence, R. I.

For Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Annie Morrill Smith, and Miss Harriet Wheeler, of Chatham, N. Y.

AMENDMENT.

The following amendment to the Constitution is proposed:

Section 4 of Article 3 shall be amended so as to read: The regular yearly dues shall be seventy-five cents for active members and fifty cents for associate members.

A. J. GROUT,
ANNIE MORRILL SMITH,
J. FRANKLIN COLLINS.

This amendment is proposed in order to give the Chapter a little revenue for postage, printing, etc. At present much of the Chapter expense has been met by Mrs. Smith.—*A. J. G.*

The Chapter is to be congratulated that Dr. Best has consented to become a candidate, as there is no one better qualified for the position than he. Very few students in this country have the knowledge of our common mosses that is possessed by Dr. Best, as any one will have discovered that has been fortunate enough to correspond with him.—*A. J. G.*

The printer made two or three serious errors in my Keys to Vt. Mosses and I have prepared a set of printed corrections to be supplied to Chapter members for a self-addressed stamped envelope.—*A. J. G.*

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